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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed in the attached forms PTO–1449 (3) are being brought to the Examiner's attention for consideration in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of the non-US patent references (documents identified as C, D and E) are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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